(b) what are the details of different benefits academic, job-reservation etc. available to candidates/members of these classes ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The Government had notified lists of OBCs for 14 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, on 10th September 1993 vide Ministry of Welfare Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC(C) published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary part I-Section 1 No. 186, New Delhi, Monday-September, 13th 1993. Subsequently, the lists of OBCs for 4 States and 3 UTs namely, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura, West Bengal, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Pondicherry were notified on 19th October, 1994 vide No. 163, The Gazette of India-Extraordinary Part-I. Details of Castes/Communities included in these lists are available in the said Gazettes

(b) (i) The OBCs are entitled for 27% reservation in vacancies in civil services and posts under the Government of India subject to the exlusion of socially advanced persons/sections known as the 'Creamy Layer'.

(ii) Scheme of pre-examination coaching for Weaker Sections incuding OBCs is also implemented in order to allow them to compete on equal terms with other candidates in competitive examinations.

(iii) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation has been set up with the objective of promoting economic development of Backward Classes by granting them financial assistance for self-employment ventures.

Newspaper report on auctioning of women

1681. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Punjabi Kesari and Jagaran of September 20, 1994 to the effect that women are still being auctioned and suffer humiliation in the tribal areas of Thane; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the same kind of practices are still prevalent in other parts of the country; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken and also proposed to be taken to eradicate the evil practices of humiliating women folk ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

कल्याण योजनाओं के लिए आबंटित धनराशी का अन्य कार्यों के लिए उपयोग किया जाना

1682. **श्री आस मोहम्मद** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार की देश में विभिन्न कल्याण योजनाओं के लिए आबंटित धनराशी का कथित दुरूपयोग किए जाने या इसका उपयोग अन्य कार्यों के लिए किए जाने के संबंध में कोई सूचना प्राप्त हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो संबंधित राज्यों सहित तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई दिशानिर्देश जारी किए हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है । और

(ङ) क्या उक्त धनराशी के समुचित उपयोग को सुनिश्चित किया गया है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) से (ङ) इस मंत्रालय के विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों, विशेषकर अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों से सम्बंद्ध कार्यक्रमों की गहन मानीटरिंग और विचार विमर्श के बाद, यह नोटिस में आया है कि कुछ राज्यों को दिए गए केन्द्रीय अनुदान तत्काल व उचित रूप